

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT for RA/DRA Region 8</b> <b>Week ending October 11, 2019</b></p>
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**Region 8 Rural Water Executive Director Meeting to be held October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at EPA's Regional Office in Denver**

Key Message: The Executive Directors from each of the six Region 8 State Rural Water Association organizations will meet with EPA Water Division programs in Denver to discuss drinking water, source water and wastewater issues.

- This is an annual meeting held in Denver, with the agenda set by the Rural Water Executives and the Region 8 Water Division.
- The Region 8 DRA will provide a welcome and opening remarks for the meeting.
- Discussion topics include:
  - Rural Water Circuit Rider program activities in each state for providing technical assistance to state and tribal drinking water and wastewater facilities;
  - Source Water Protection planning in each state;
  - Rural Water training programs for water and wastewater operators; and
  - Discussion of Region 8's Environmental Finance Center managed by the National Rural Water Association.
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**Public Hearing for Revised Draft UIC Permits for Dewey Burdock**

Key Message: Approximately 100 people attended a public hearing on October 5, 2019 on the revised UIC draft Class III and V permits for the proposed Dewey Burdock uranium ISR project.

- Eighty people provided comments on the revised draft permits; all spoke in opposition to the project.
- Some media attended the event, including the Rapid City Journal.
- Similar to its initial permit actions in 2017, EPA expects to receive extensive comments from Powertech, tribal nations, and other interested stakeholders.
- The public comment period will close on December 9, 2019.
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**'Reducing Lead in Schools' Webinar Series Part 3 will be presented on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Key Message: Natalie Cannon of Region 8 Safe Drinking Water Branch, Cynthia Gonzales of Region 8 Technical and Financial Services Branch and Victoria Ellenbogen of EPA Headquarters Drinking Water Protection Branch will deliver the Lead Action Plan Webinar No. 3 titled "WIIN 2107 and the Revised 3Ts."

- Authorized under the Water Infrastructure and Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Section 2107, the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Programs Drinking Water Grant creates a voluntary program to assist states and tribes with testing for lead in drinking water at schools and child care programs. The program includes approximately \$41 million in funding of which more than \$2.5 million has been awarded to Region 8 states.
- This presentation will provide a summary of WIIN grant requirements and highlights from the Revised 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Schools and Childcare Facilities: Training, Testing, and Taking Action.
- The webinar is open to the public and we expect attendees from various organizations; including state environmental and health departments, school districts, technical service providers, and public water systems.

- This webinar series is part of the Region 8 Lead Action Plan Priority Area 1 to promote protection of vulnerable populations.
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